

MACVEAGH'S GIFT NOT QUITE READY

Builders Unable to Complete
Palatial Home for Secre-
tary's Christmas.

PLANNED AS SURPRISE
BY WIFE OF OFFICIAL

Great Structure Occupies Com-
manding Position on Sixteenth
Street Hill.

The biggest and most expensive Christmas gift that will be given in Washington this year is the palatial home in Sixteenth street, near the intersection of Columbia road, which Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh is building as a holiday gift to her husband, the Secretary of the Treasury.

The builders, the George A. Fuller Company, have tried to complete the building and get it ready to put in Secretary MacVeagh's stocking on Christmas eve, but hurry as they might they still require two or three weeks to put on the finishing touches.

Mrs. MacVeagh's secret was jealously guarded for months. Only two persons were let into the secret of her purpose to give the house to her husband this Christmas—the architect, Nathan C. Wyeth, and Corcoran Thome, trust officer of the American Security and Trust Company, but the secret leaked out and the Christmas package was opened before the appointed day.

Light Brick and Limestone.

The new residence is a large four-story building of light brick and limestone, the most northern in the line of costly mansions which crown the brow of Sixteenth street hill. It contains thirty rooms and will cost about \$200,000.

It would be difficult to pick out the leading features of the house's interior, but the most unusual room of the house is the music room on the second floor which this week is being finished.

Organ builders are erecting a huge pipe organ which will fill one end of the room, which measures thirty by fifty feet. The ceiling is wide-arched and the room itself is admirably adapted to private entertainments in which a program of music is a feature.

The largest room of the house, apparently, is the dining room, 31 by 40 feet, also on the second floor. It is paneled in carved oak, and the ceiling is an ornamental one of classic design.

The windows of the dining room overlook the city to the south. At the east end of the room there is a wide opening into the conservatory, which may be shut off by sliding doors of Kalamein iron. Classic columns stand at each side of the entrance to the conservatory.

The conservatory is a spacious glass room at the eastern end of the house, and extends two stories in height.

Library in Mahogany.

The library is a notable room. Located over the music room on the third floor, it also extends the entire width of the house and looks out to the west, north, and south. It is all in mahogany.

The ceiling is beamed with mahogany timbers, and the book-cases, of mahogany, are ranged around three sides of the room. At the south end is an enormous mahogany fireplace, the mantel nine feet from the floor.

The first floor has been designed especially for Secretary MacVeagh's own use. Beside the entrance hall, which is in limestone, is a large study office, access to which is had through a reception room.

The only exterior feature is the loggia on the south side of the house opening out from the third floor. This is in brick and limestone, and will make a delightful lounging place in hot weather.

There are six bathrooms and four retiring rooms, in which the side walls and ceilings are tiled.

No expense will be spared in furnishing the house.

Wade H. Ellis has made definite arrangements to make Washington his permanent residence by purchasing from C. L. Marriott, through the office of Francis Bennett Poe, the former's house at 1410 Massachusetts avenue northwest for \$20,000.

The house is one of the older of the fashionable residences in the vicinity of Scott circle. It is located on the triangle at the corner of Fifteenth street, facing thirty-five feet on Massachusetts avenue and sixty-eight feet on Fifteenth street. It is a three-story and attic house containing fifteen rooms and three baths. Mr. Ellis is planning some changes in it. He has formed a law partnership with R. Golden Donaldson.

Offers Self for Sale
For Board and Clothes

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Offering to sell himself into slavery, provided his purchasers supplied food and clothing, Charles H. Scott, twenty-five years old, college graduate, bookkeeper, typist, and possessing a knowledge of medicine, secured free space in the "For Sale" columns of a charitable inclined newspaper.

Scott says: "I would like to get a job of any kind. That's why I am willing to sell myself outright, and take good board and lodging in return for my services. I have pawned my overcoat, suitcase, last clean shirt, and all my trinkets. It's a case of slavery or starve. I am willing to bind myself by legal contract."

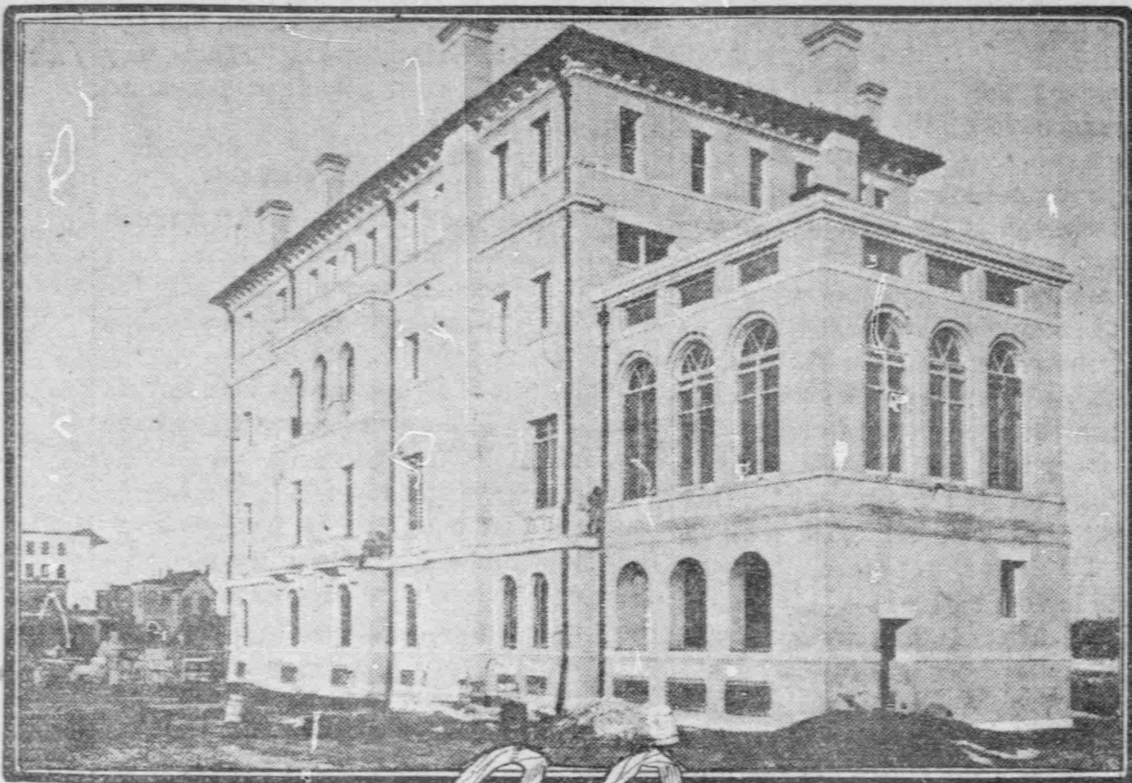
"Boy Broker" Penniless
Will Face His Creditors

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Robert E. Davie, the boy broker, is reported to be penniless on a much near Denver, and ready to come back to face justice in Boston.

He will surrender to the police within four weeks, it is announced today. It seems that Davie will be unable to restore any of the \$400,000 which he is alleged to have taken away from customers.

Expensive Christmas Present, Its Recipient, and the Donor

RESIDENCE BUILT BY WIFE OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY FOR GIFT TO HUSBAND.



SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MACVEAGH.

MRS. MACVEAGH,
Wife of the Secretary of the Treasury.

THREE HOTELS PLANNED AT UNION STATION PLAZA

Continental Now Under Way and Two Others to Cost In
the Aggregate About \$2,500,000 Will Grace West
Side of North Capitol Street.

Improvements to the amount of nearly \$2,500,000 are now in course of construction and planned for the immediate future in three hotels on the west side of North Capitol street, facing Union station plaza.

The amount named includes the cost of the land, which itself figures at \$475,000.

The Continental Hotel, midway between D and E streets, is now under roof, and rises ten stories over the broad plaza. The ground on which this structure is building fronts eighty-three feet on North Capitol street and extends back 140 feet, costing about \$81,000. The hotel itself will cost when completed about \$350,000.

The hotel is the enterprise of Washington men, headed by E. O. Whitford, and is the largest hotel in that section. It will contain 120 bedrooms, and in all respects is planned to be a house of the first class. The plans are those of Appleton P. Clark, Jr., and the builders are the Samuel J. Prescott Company.

Design Imposing.

The material is brick, terra cotta, and granite, and the design is imposing and in keeping with its prominent location. It is expected that the furnishing will have been completed and the house thrown open to patrons by the last of March or April.

The plans for the interior disclose a thoroughly modern hotel. A main corridor, two stories in height, runs straight through the house from front to back. A spacious lobby of two stories in

height is immediately within the entrance. It is finished in marble and granite.

From this lobby on the south opens the main dining room looking out over the plaza. Directly back of the main dining room is the palm room and a private dining room. All of these rooms with the exception of the last, are on the first floor. They are decorated with marble columns and ornamental cornice. The ladies' lobby is to the north of the main lobby.

Mezzanine Floor Feature.

A feature of the interior arrangement is the mezzanine floor. Here are a reception room, a writing room and a gallery parlor. These rooms look out over the main lobby, an unusual arrangement for a Washington hotel.

About 80 per cent of the bed rooms are provided with private baths.

In the basement are the grill rooms, directly under the dining room; the billiard room and the barroom and barber shop. Every modern feature has been

immediately adjoining the Continental Hotel a much larger structure is planned. The corner property consisting of 120 feet frontage on North Capitol street, and 236 feet fronting on E street has been acquired through the office of W. H. Acker by a New York syndicate for \$230,000, and the plans contemplate the occupancy of nearly every square foot of space by the new structure, which is to be named the Royal Plaza.

While the plans have not finally been adopted the intention is to erect a modern hotel of 700 rooms, half of which are to have private baths. The cost of the building is estimated at \$1,000,000, and the furnishings at \$200,000.

Roof Garden Planned.

A roof garden and other modern features are planned. The lobby in this house is to be more than two stories in height and surrounded with balconies and parlors similar to those described for the Continental, though on a larger scale. Mr. Acker is not prepared to announce more definitely the plans for the new hotel.

Negotiations were yesterday completed through the office of Thomas J. Fisher & Co., Inc., for the purchase of the ground at the northwest corner of Massachusetts avenue and North Capitol street, about 15,000 sq. ft., for \$144,000 by the Coca Cola Company. The property faces Massachusetts avenue for 115 feet and North Capitol street for 100 feet. This is to be entirely occupied by a ten-story hotel building.

The plans for this house differ materially from those of the other two buildings. It is to be a hotel-apartment house rather than the conventional hotel.

Stores and Cafe on Ground Floor.

The basement is to be used entirely by the Coca Cola Company. The ground floor is planned for a large cafe and for a series of stores. The upper floors are designed for single rooms and apartments, more for permanent than for transient occupancy. The cost of the building will be approximately \$250,000. Several Washington architects already have submitted plans, but a definite selection and award has not been made.

In addition to this large two building hotel building it has been run red that the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company is planning a large structure for the corner of North Capitol and D streets, but this was denied today at the general offices of the company in Baltimore.

MILLION IN REALTY IN SALES OF WEEK

Total of 881 Lots Involved
In Extraordinary Business
of Last Six Days.

Property valued at more than \$1,000,000 changed hands during the past six days. A total of 881 lots was involved in that extraordinary week's business, in that extraordinary activity in the which, coupled with the activity in the \$645,000, furnish abundant reason for the merry-making in which local realty brokers will indulge tomorrow.

It took 529 conveyances to make the necessary transfers of the properties traded in during the week, and the clerks in the office of the Recorder of Deeds as well as the transcribers employed by the various title companies in making the daily reports of the papers filed for record, feel they have well earned the Christmas holiday, which beginning at noon today will extend to Tuesday morning.

The trading during the fall of 1910 was the heaviest in many years, and the three weeks of December have shown no diminution in the activity which began early in September. Apartment houses, business buildings, residences in every section of the city, unimproved lots and even extensive suburban tracts were included in the sales of the past six days.

Probably the most important sale of the week was made to the Catholic University of America. The tract acquired contains about twenty acres and lies east of the university's extensive holdings and reaches to the extreme northern boundary line of the property occupied by the Marist fathers.

The university authorities have not announced any immediate improvement to be made on the land, nor is it thought any is at present contemplated. The tract jutting into the lines of the university holdings at several points, and its acquisition makes more symmetrical the boundaries of the property. The price paid for the tract was not made public.

Robert C. Wilkins paid \$35,000 to the American Security and Trust Company for premises 1229 Connecticut avenue northwest. The property in this vicinity is fast changing from residential to a business character.

The suburban subdivisions continue to lead the market in the number of sales, the total in this section during the past six days having reached 630. In the near-urban district fifty-one lots changed owners.

Within the old city limits sixty lots



A Mother's Love

wisely directed, will cause her to give to her little ones only the most wholesome and beneficial remedies and only when actually needed, and the well-informed mother uses only the pleasant and gentle laxative remedy—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—when a laxative is required, as it is wholly free from all objectionable substances. To get its beneficial effects always buy the genuine, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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Washington Gas Light Co.
413 Tenth Street N.W.

Four Chevy Chase Lots Are Sold for \$6,000

H. P. Nelson has purchased through the office of R. E. L. Yellott four lots with a total frontage of 100 feet on Woodbine street, Chevy Chase Park, for \$6,000. He will erect a residence in the spring.

John L. Ridgeway has purchased through the same office two lots fronting 200 feet on the same street for \$8,000.

On the Stage.
"We've got to get somebody to play this light part."
"Why not the electrician?"—Baltimore American.

Store Closes Promptly at 11 o'Clock Tonight

"It Pays to Deal at Goldenberg's"

Best Assortment of Candies in
the City at 10c and 20c lb.

All Holiday Goods Must Go Today!

Every article in the store which bears the slightest relation to the holiday season is to be disposed of tonight by closing time. Decisive reductions have been made all along the line for a clean sweep—and eleventh-hour buyers are offered countless opportunities to secure Christmas presents at wonderfully low prices.

There are big bargains in almost every department—such bargains that every one who has gifts yet to select should be here this evening.

Handkerchiefs Reduced

5c 12½c 19c 25c
Worth 10c Worth 19c Worth 25c Worth 39c

An immense assortment of styles for women and men. Anybody forgotten? Here's a chance to buy acceptable gifts at big savings.

All Toys Must Go

When the last horn blows tonight the store must be emptied of its entire stock of Toys. We have put prices on our remaining stock that will make clearance certain and absolute.

Assortments are fairly complete—but don't put off coming a minute longer than you can help, for the lines are being constantly thinned out.

Toy Department—Basement.

Toilet Sets and Military Brushes

\$6 Silver Plated Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets.....\$3.98
\$4 Sterling Silver Military Brushes, pair.....\$2.39

1/3 to 1/2 Off All Toilet Sets, Manicure and Shaving Sets.

Our entire stock of Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets and Shaving Sets is offered at reductions of one-third to one-half. When you consider that our regular prices are very much less than others' tonight's reductions take on a new and deeper significance.

If you have put off the buying of gifts of this sort you can come tonight and choose from our entire remaining stock at 33 to 50 per cent below former prices. A wonderful opportunity for gift buyers.

Fancy Gift Articles at Half Regular Prices

Our entire stock of Fancy Gift Articles has been radically reduced for clearance. We are determined that when the closing bell sounds tonight we shall have empty shelves, and we've made prices with this end in view.

25c Puff Jars..... 12½c
25c Imported Photo Frames, 12½c
25c Pin Cushions..... 15c
25c Cigar Jars..... 12½c
25c Pin Trays..... 10c
50c Smoking Stands..... 25c
25c Nickel Shaving Stands..... 15c

Books at Big Reductions

Regular 25c Alger and Henty Books for boys—per copy..... 12½c
Regular 25c Optic Books for boys—per copy..... 18c
Regular 25c Books for girls, including Southworth, Cary, Meade, etc..... 19c
25c Paint and Drawing Books for..... 19c
Regular 25c Picture Books for boys and girls..... 19c
Stationery Articles, including Desk Novelties, Calendar Pads, etc. Reduced from 25c 10c each to.....
Christmas Post Cards, for coloring and painting. Reduced to, each..... 1c
25c Fancy Writing Paper. Reduced to..... 19c